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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-7.

Please add new claims 8-17 as follows:

1-7. (Canceled).

8. (NEW) A method of producing a laminate comprising the following steps:

Forming patches from a substantially unidirectional fabric, treated with a resin; the patches being formed to predetermined shape(s) and size(s) to suit the product in which the laminate is to be used;

Forming substantially loose and randomly oriented patches;

Distributing said substantially loose and randomly oriented patches in layers around a product mould;

Causing said layers of patches once distributed around said product mould to amalgamate by means of activation of the resin treatment.

9. (NEW) The method of Claim 8 wherein the means for distributing patches in step (c) is a suction device.

10. (NEW) The method of Claim 8 wherein the means for distributing patches in step (c) is a pneumatic conveyor.

11. (NEW) The method of Claim 8 in which the said patches have an average surface area of no greater than 20% of the surface area of the layer formed in step (c).

12. (NEW) The method of Claim 8 in which a multiplicity of patch shapes and/or sizes is employed.

13. (NEW) The method of Claim 8, wherein the distributing step is carried out at a controlled temperature, whereby patches are prevented from sticking to each other during said step.

14. (NEW) The method of Claim 8, comprising the step of forming a group of patches where one or more patches traverse at least part of the thickness of said laminate.

15. (NEW) A laminate comprising randomly orientated patches each formed from a substantially unidirectional fabric treated with a resin and all amalgamated by means of activation of the resin treatment.

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16. (NEW) The laminate of Claim 15 in which the said patches have an average surface area of no greater than 20% of the surface area of the laminate.

17. (NEW) The laminate of Claims 15 in which a multiplicity of patch shapes and/or sizes is employed.